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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action of April 5, 2005, and is submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination and required fees. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.